

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 15 as passed by the Eighty-Third Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

As governor, I have focused on making higher education more affordable, accountable and accessible, and I will continue to support innovative ideas that will improve the quality of our universities.

Limiting oversight authority of a board of regents, however, is a step in the wrong direction. History has taught us that the lack of board oversight in both the corporate and university settings diminishes accountability and provides fertile ground for organizational malfeasance.

I am committed to improving higher education and making sure students and taxpayers receive the greatest value for the investment they make in higher education. We have achieved great success to that end, and must continue to build upon it.

Strengthening our institutions is crucial to keeping Texas competitive and a magnet for business relocation, expansion and start-ups, which provide jobs and allow our citizens to prosper and build better lives for themselves and their families. Texas institutions of higher education have the opportunity to make our state even greater than it is today, and we must insist on finding ways to utilize innovative techniques and technology to make college more attainable for all. By implementing efficiencies designed to improve access and lower the cost to students, including reducing tuition, and providing an accountable and quality education we can prepare our students for a successful future.

Since the Eighty-Third Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 14th day of June, 2013.

Rick Perry
RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

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SECRETARY OF STATE
O'CLOCK

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ATTESTED BY:



JOHN STEEN
Secretary of State

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